

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP   | 2. LOCATION   |
| 18 July 1964   | Gainesville, Georgia  |
| 3. SOURCE  | 10. CONCLUSION  |
| Civilian   | GRASS   |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS   |   |
| N/A  |   |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION   | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  |
| N/A  | Oil spray on grass. Sample submitted to determine if any unusual component in the grass. Oil spray covered about 15' and shaped in a circle with a slight tail. Rain did not fade or wash away the stain. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION   |   |
| N/A  |   |
| 7. COURSE  | COMMENTS: Check for radioactivity proved negative. Sample was normal grass.   |
| N/A  |   |
| 8. PHOTOS  | (Note similarity to Borger Texas sighting of 13 Aug 1963. Markings on ground determined to be caused by Grass Fly Eggs).  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |   |

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FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

July 20, 1964

Smithsonian Institute  
Research Director  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this inquiry in hope that you will be able to throw some light on a subject that is causing a great deal of concern to many in this area.

Several UFO sightings have been reported in our immediate area by local citizens. Although such sightings are described somewhat differently they are similar. They are soucer shaped objects little larger than a car with red, white, and green lights. It always leaves particular odor and in one case they declared they felt radiation. The enclosed article is one of several that have been our local paper.

On the morning of July 18th our neighbor found in his front yard directly in front of their home a peculiar pattern of what appears to be oil spray such as a auto would leave except that it was in a small circle around fifteen feet in diameter with a small tail like pattern leading off one side of it. Furtherout around the edge of this circle were several marks, each fairly evenly spaced and approximately an inch and a half in hepth - marks such as a very large camera tripod would make. The area is such that an auto, lawn mower or such device would have left tracks due to several light rains over the past few days. It also seems curious that the rain did not fade or wash away the substance.

The couple are a very respectable family in the above average income bracket and not given to telling tales. The truth is they are afraid to say anything about it for fear of being laughed at.

The woman seems quite concerned with these so called UFO sightings so I would appreciate it very much if you would check the sample of the grass I am enclosing and give us any possible explanation that you can.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Gainesville, Georgia

FORM NO. 8  
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
(Feb. 1, 1961)

## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED

| NAME OR TITLE                             | INITIALS—DATE  |
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| 1. U. S. Air Force, Office of Information |  |
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| Your information                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Note and return <input type="checkbox"/>          |
| Your comments                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper signature <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| Necessary action                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note and file <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prepare reply                             | <input type="checkbox"/> See me <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| Your recommendation                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Your initials <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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FROM DATE  
National Air Museum, Smithsonian Institution 7/27/64  
PHONE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

NATIONAL AIR MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

July 27, 1964

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 1964, with  
enclosure.

We have no information on Unidentified Flying  
Objects, and no facility for research and investigation  
of them.

The U. S. Air Force has requested that we send  
inquiries of this kind to it. We are, therefore,  
sending your letter to the Air Force, Office of  
Information, for reply.

Sincerely yours,

Philip S. Hopkins  
Director

HEADQUARTERS  
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION  
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDEW  
SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information (████████)

18 AUG 1964

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs. ██████████)

The Smithsonian Institute has forwarded us a letter from Mr. G. ██████████ of ██████████ N. E., Gainesville, Georgia. The following information is provided to assist you in answering Mr. ██████████'s letter. The sighting of 18 July, has not been reported to the Air Force; however, a sighting from Spartanburg, South Carolina, on 29 June was reported to Warner Robins Air Force Base and was evaluated as attributable to ball lightning. The facts of the newspaper account of this sighting were much distorted.

The grass sample submitted with the article and letter contained nothing unusual from that expected of a normal grass sample.

The newspaper article of the Turnerville sighting is the first knowledge that the Air Force has received. No official report was made to the Air Force on these sightings; therefore, no evaluation is being made at this time.

FOR THE COMMANDER

*Eric T. de Jonckheere*  
ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology  
and Subsystems

18 Jul 64  
Lawrence C. Clegg  
Gainesville, Ga

August 31, 1964

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your recent letter to the Smithsonian Institution on the subject of some unusual phenomena which has occurred in your area.

The July 18th sighting of an "oil spray" type pattern on the grass was never officially reported to the Air Force. However, an analysis of the grass samples inclosed with your letter indicates that they contain nothing unusual from that normally found in grass. The sighting from Spartanburg, South Carolina on June 29th was evaluated as ball lightning. The facts of the newspaper account of this sighting were much distorted.

The newspaper article of the Turnerville sightings is the first knowledge that the Air Force has received of this report. No official report was made to the Air Force on these sightings, and therefore, no evaluation is being made at this time.

Inclosed is a summary of information on the Air Force project for the investigation and evaluation of Unidentified Flying Object reports. We think this brochure will help to explain the UFO phenomena and its causes a little more fully.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS  
Major, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Inclosure

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Gainesville, Georgia

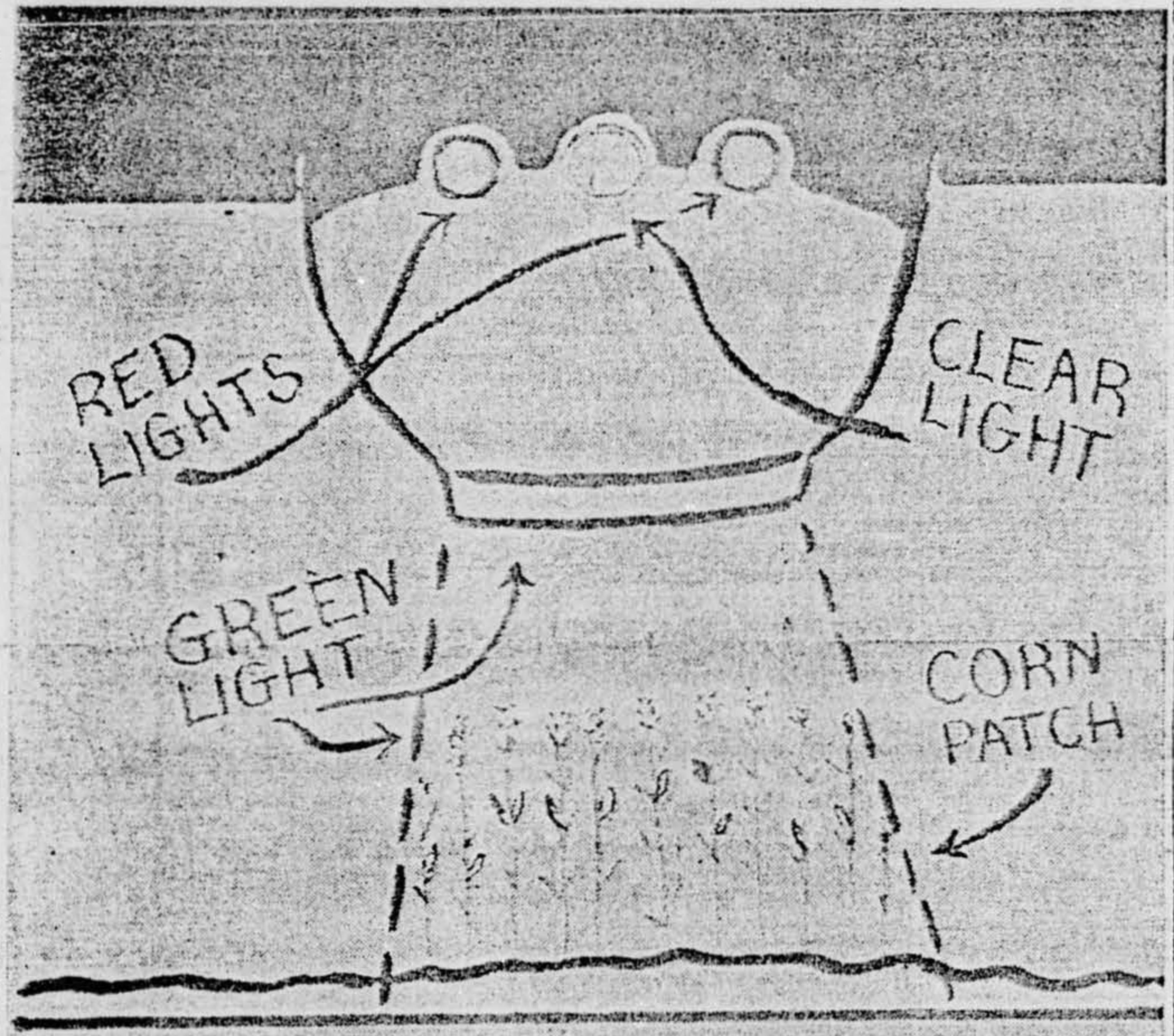
(Figures in Feet Above  
Sea Level)

Today ..... 1069.99 Yesterday ..... 1070.08  
Feet off Full Power Pool (1070) ..... minus .01  
Fishing ..... Excellent Water Temperature ..... 78  
Sunrise ..... 5:30 Sunset ..... 7:47

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### Artist's Conception of UFO

The above is an artist's interpretation of what nine persons at Turnerville saw Tuesday night. The top of the object was not visible and the bottom could only be seen when the green light from the bottom was on and reflected back a-

gainst the ship, or whatever it was. The lights on the top are not in their exact position because it is not known what the top of the ship, where they were positioned, looks like.

## Nine Describe UFO In Habersham Area

By TOM WINFIELD  
Times District Editor

TURNERVILLE — An unidentified flying object was sighted here Tuesday night by nine persons.

Two women who witnessed the object, definitely described as a machine, reported they felt a stinging or burning sensation after

by testimony, that the preceding is the way it happened.

The object then moved away and suddenly disappeared. Later, about 10:30, it was sighted again, just before Sheriff A.J. Chapman of Habersham County arrived. But the second time it did not swoop to the ground to hover and move off again. Ivester said it came back over the Ivester

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ROCHELLE, N. Y.,  
Sixteen pros headed  
S. Open champion  
Muri and Billy Cas-  
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revival of the \$25,000  
round robin golf  
trip after a seven

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money - grabbers  
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7, the tournament was an open date—as ori- pulated on the PGA—so Venturi, Casper, ier, Tommy Jacobs, iron, Tommy Bolt, Bob ill Collins, Miller Bar- e Bayer, Dave Marr, it, Fred Hawkins, Tom Jimmy Damaret and Bob Watson cheerfully e challenge.

all have a whack at it in a novel match in which no one is but points are awarded by hole one player another. And a player is a hole has points from his total for each

the end of 90 holes  
ring the pro with the  
score wins, the high-  
score winds up 16th  
lace is worth \$3,500  
down to \$500 for 16th

### Best Results

ane's mother, was across the street from the Lvester home and was inside. She didn't see the object but felt a "stinging" burn. The sunburn through an automobile windscreen. She said it felt like a "taco." Nine persons saw the object, 11 smelled the odor it left behind. The night was dark, all but the National "50's.

**Second Sighting**

Although threatening leaders. But game of it blanking the teammates Larry Jack win plateau a distinct league tear

The three 5), Ellsworth (10-3), have become the game-winn team in the since Ed Donahue turned the Cincinnati 1-0. Buhl batted on four hits, who Tuesday's clouted his season in and a double. She said the object had a height "as big as a tub." And although she thought at first it must be a plane, "it was not an airplane." When she called her husband, he replied, "Aw, come on and go to bed . . . you're just seeing things." She said, "I know it sounds silly . . . and I never believed it before . . . but it would be still and then it would be over all . . . I saw something." I just don't know what it is." Mrs. Rodaker made one statement the others wouldn't venture to say: "I believe there was a man in that thing."

Mrs. Russell Hickman, Di-

in the n  
weekday do  
ley Field,  
his 24th for  
Giants runs  
husband who was inside, already  
front porch and called to her  
in bed.

Everyone who witnessed the object's descent to earth agreed,

### Stories Within

The object had no exhaust that could be seen and moved silently, making no noise, according to the nine witnesses. When the green light flashed on while the object was moving over the garden, it reflected, off the ground, almost the object and Lvester said there is no doubt in his mind that it was made of metal.

The bottom, he said, "was shaped like a bowl. It had a ridge around the bottom like you set a boat on and the sides came up around it."

Another witness to the specta-

They decided to turn on the television set. The set broadcast static, and the adjustments would

## Static on TV

Lesser and a neighbor, Dennis Hickman, were inside theives.

Wife, mother and father and sis-  
ters, Judy, Janey and Joanne

Weser said it was about 9 o'clock Tuesday night. He, his

As long as this mother and father,  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lester

Given by Jimmy Lester of Den.  
O'Neal, who with his wife were

eyes were bloodshot. She said she had not been in the sun the

MISS LIDA HIGGINS, 21, 16, said she awoke Wednesday morning

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